

Mayflower Primary School

Art and Design Curriculum Statement 2024 - 2025

Intent

At Mayflower Primary school, Art and Design aims to inspire our children to develop their confidence to experiment and invent their own pieces of art. Our curriculum is designed to give pupils every opportunity to develop their ability, nurture their talent and interests, express their ideas about the world as well as learning about art and artists from across the world, from different cultures and traditions and through history. To support the delivery of our curriculum we use the Kapow Primary Art and Design scheme which should enable our children to reach the end of Key Stage attainment targets in line with the National Curriculum. We chose Kapow Primary as it is a partner of Artsmark which further supports our ongoing Artsmark journey. One of the aims of using Kapow's Primary scheme is to identify ways to adapt the curriculum to meet the specific needs of our children, school and area as we progress through the cycles

Implementation

At Mayflower Primary, we use Kapow Primary's Art and Design scheme to support our delivery. The Kapow Art and Design scheme of work is designed with four strands that run throughout our two cycles:

- Generating ideas
- Using sketchbooks
- Making skills, including the formal elements of art (line, shape, tone, texture, pattern and colour)
- Knowledge of artists
- Evaluating and analysing

The units of lessons allow our children to build upon their skills and knowledge and apply them to a range of projects. The formal elements are also woven throughout the units. Key skills are regularly revisited with increasing complexity using a spiral curriculum model. Units in year group are organised into four core areas:

- Drawing
- Painting and mixed media
- Sculpture and 2D
- Craft and design

The units of Kapow Primary's Art and design support age-appropriate sequenced learning and can be used in cross curricular activities across the school. Creativity and independent learning are embedded within the curriculum which enables the children to create their own unique pieces of art.

Each lesson is very practical and encourages experimental and exploratory learning using sketchbooks to document their ideas. Lessons can be accessed by all pupils and there are opportunities to stretch children's learning when required.

Impact

Our curriculum is designed in such a way that children are involved in evaluation, dialogue and decision making about the quality of their outcomes and the improvements they need to make so they will be able to talk confidently about their own learning journey, have higher metacognitive skills and have a growing understanding of how to improve. With the implementation of Kapow Primary's Art and design scheme, pupils should leave primary school equipped with a range of techniques and the confidence and creativity to form a strong foundation and readiness for the next stage in their Art and Design learning journey.

The expected impact of following the scheme of work is that children will:

- Produce creative work, exploring and recording their ideas and experiences.
- Be proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques.
- Evaluate and analyse creative works using subject-specific language.
- Know about great artists and the historical and cultural development of art.
- Meet the end of key stage expectations outlined in the National curriculum for Art and Design.